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of the  
**Town of Chester**  
New Hampshire

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For the Year Ending  
January 31, 1938




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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### *Moderator*

WALTER P. TENNEY

### *Town Clerk*

ROBERT C. HAZELTON

### *Selectmen*

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM      PHILIP G. HAZELTON  
PRESTON E. GOODRICH

### *Overseer of Poor*

PRESTON E. GOODRICH

### *Town Treasurer*

PERLEY P. SPOLLETT

### *Collector of Taxes*

ROLAND A. NICHOLS

### *School Board*

ROSE C. LEARNARD      MARY M. TRUE  
LEON I. RICHARDSON

### *School District Treasurer*

LEROY D. MORSE

### *Representative*

WALTER P. TENNEY

### *Police Officers*

EDWARD E. GRIFFIN, *Chief*  
GEORGE PETTIGREW, *Special and Dog Officer*  
JOHN A. WEST, *Special*

*Health Officer*  
PRESTON E. GOODRICH

*Supervisors of the Checklist*  
HERBERT TRUE                      CLARENCE A. WETHERBEE  
WILLIAM COLBY

*Trustees of Trust Funds*  
WALTER P. TENNEY                      MILDRED F. HUNT  
JOHN H. TRUE

*Library Trustees*  
BLANCHE C. JONES                      EDITH NICHOLS  
ROBERT PARTRIDGE

*Cemetery Trustees*  
ROBERT H. HAZELTON                      JOHN A. WEST  
HARRY EDWARDS

*Trustees of Wilcomb-Townsend Home*  
GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM                      BERTHA McCULLY  
FARISH LEWIS                      MARTIN MILLS  
MYRTLE TENNEY

*Town Auditors*  
GEORGE E. RAND                      MARTIN MILLS  
LEROY D. MORSE

*Fire Chief*  
VICTOR SPOLLETT

*Custodian of Halls*  
EDWARD E. GRIFFEN

## TOWN WARRANT

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the inhabitants of the town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

[L. s.]

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday the eight (8th) day of March, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

3. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors. Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 Chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$517.50 for class five roads: "The State to contribute \$2,070.02."

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of the town poor.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Public Library.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of Soldiers' grave.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lights.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see what action the town will take to provide a more ample supply of water for fire purposes and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

13. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by the town through Tax collectors deeds.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to be used with the unexpended money raised last year to paint the Stevens Memorial Hall.

15. To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot of land for cemetery purposes and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor; and elect or appoint any committees that may be necessary and pass any vote relating thereto.

16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to close the following roads, Pulpit Rock road so called also the Ledge road so called from a point near Henry Young's residence to a point near Hans Hanson's residence, also Woods road so called leading from Chester Turnpike to Bunker Hill in Auburn.

17. To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Day in connection with the observance of New Hampshire's Rati-



fication of the Constitution (The date set by the State for the celebration is June 21st) and elect or appoint a committee therefor; also to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for such an observance.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase chairs for Stevens Memorial Hall.

Given under our hand and seal, this       day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty eight.

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,  
PHILIP G. HAZELTON,  
PRESTON E. GOODRICH,

*Selectmen of Chester, N. H.*

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

GEORGE E. GILLINGHAM,  
PHILIP G. HAZELTON,  
PRESTON E. GOODRICH,

*Selectmen of Chester, N. H.*

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual revenue previous year, 1937.	Estimated revenue ensuing year, 1938.	In- crease.	De- crease
FROM STATE:				
Interest and Dividends Tax .....	\$24.64	\$20.00	.....	.....
Insurance Tax .....	1.88	2.00	.....	.....
Railroad Tax ..	41.39	40.00	.....	.....
Savings Bank Tax .....	693.61	600.00	.....	.....
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings .....	130.50	125.00	.....	.....
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits .....	15.12	25.00	.....	.....
Income of Departments .....	223.00	.....	.....	.....
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	690.57	650.00	.....	.....
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:				
Poll Taxes .....	530.00	500.00	.....	.....
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	12.00	10.00	.....	.....

## CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year, February 1, 1938, to January 31, 1939, Compared With

Year, February 1, 1937, to January 31, 1938

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual expenditures previous year, 1937.	Estimated expenditures ensuing year, 1938.	In- crease.	De- crease
<b>CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:</b>				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$720.91	\$700.00	.....	.....
Town Officers' Expenses .....	309.88	300.00	.....	.....
Election and Registration Exp. .	46.50	100.00	.....	.....
Expenses Town Hall and other				
Town Buildings .....	432.00	700.00	.....	.....
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department .....	45.84	50.00	.....	.....
Fire Department .....	451.19	500.00	.....	.....
Health:				
Health Dept., including hospitals	35.00	50.00	.....	.....
Vital Statistics .....	8.50	10.00	.....	.....
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maintenance .....	1,870.56	2,000.00	.....	.....
Street Lighting .....	1,319.16	1,319.16	.....	.....
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	148.26	200.00	.....	.....
Libraries:				
Libraries .....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor .....	870.54	1,000.00	.....	.....
Old Age Assistance .....	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Cele- brations .....	125.00	50.00	.....	.....
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds, incl. band concerts .....	74.38	100.00	.....	.....
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries .....	75.15	75.00	.....	.....
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans .....	5.00	20.00	.....	.....
On Long Term Notes .....	120.00	80.00	.....	.....
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Construction Class 5 Roads	.....	517.50	.....	.....
State Aid Construction—Town's Share .....	2,354.29	.....	.....	.....
<b>INDEBTEDNESS:</b>				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long Term Notes .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERN- MENTAL DIVISIONS:</b>				
State Taxes .....	2,016.00	.....	.....	.....
County Taxes .....	2,820.17	.....	.....	.....
Payments to School Districts .....	8,874.11	.....	.....	.....

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1938

### VALUATION, April 1, 1937

Resident real estate	\$534,115.00
Non-resident real estate	92,000.00
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	\$626,115.00
Electric Plants	14,703.00
Polls, 356	
Horses, 59	4,475.00
Asses and mules, 2	100.00
Oxen, 2	125.00
Cows, 234	13,055.00
Neat stock, 28	1,180.00
Sheep, 7	35.00
Fowls, 6,319	5,675.00
Fur-Bearing animals, 6	150.00
Wood and lumber	17,100.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 17	1,425.00
Stock in trade	10,400.00
Mills and machinery	1,400.00
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	\$695,938.00
Soldiers' exemption	11,300.00
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	\$684,638.00

### APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to raise and appropriate:

Town officers' salaries	1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	100.00

Town Hall	500.00
Police	50.00
Health department	50.00
Interest	200.00
Sec. 4, Chapter 35 Law 1905	2,000.00
Class five roads	524.73
Town poor	1,200.00
Library	225.00
Memorial Day	125.00
Street lights	1,319.16
Fire Department	500.00
Paint Stevens Memorial Hall	150.00
Outlying cemetery	100.00
State Tax	2,016.00
County Tax	2,820.17
School money raised by taxation	8,168.14
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	\$21,048.20
Total amount raised by taxation	\$20,497.89
Polls 356	712.00
Amount given the tax collector to collect	\$21,209.89
Rate on one hundred dollars	3.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN

For the Year Ending January 31, 1938

### ASSETS

Balance due on 1936 tax list	\$631.00
Balance due on 1937 tax list	5,181.06
Amount due from unsettled estates	320.00
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer	1,433.84
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	\$7,565.90 ✓

## LIABILITIES

*Cemetery and Library Notes*

Albert Knippee	\$100.00
Sarah U. Lane	200.00
John West	50.00
Joseph Knowles	100.00
Robert and Rebecca Knowles	100.00
John W. West 2nd.	50.00
Elizabeth L. Kent	100.00
Page Reed Smith	80.00
Sally Lovering Sleeper	40.00
Joseph Dane	<b>50.00</b>
Mary E. Bean	50.00
John S. Emery	100.00
George Wells	100.00
Charles H. Green	100.00
Amos Green	100.00
Silas F. Learnard	100.00
Samuel Warren	50.00
Mark Sanborn	50.00
Moses S. Pingree	100.00
Herbert W. Robie	50.00
Daniel Bell	100.00
George W. Stevens, Library	339.80

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 \$2,109.80 ✓

Due the school district including dog tax	2,653.98
Note in First National Bank, Derry, due Sept. 1st. 1938	1,000.00
Note in First National Bank, Derry, due Sept. 1st. 1939	1,000.00

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 \$6,763.78 ✓

Assets in excess of Liabilities \$902.06

## PAYMENTS

Town Officers' salaries \$720.91 ✓

Town Officers' expenses	308.38 ✓
Election and registration	46.50 ✓
Tractor	41.13 ✓
Stevens Memorial Hall and Town Hall	432.00 ✓
Police including tramps	45.64 ✓
Fire Department	444.91 ✓
Forest Fire	6.28 ✓
Refund	156.03 ✓
Snow removal	195.94 ✓
Health Department and Vital Statistics	43.50 ✓
Telephone	21.90 ✓
Town road maintenance	1,870.56 ✓
Street lights	1,319.16 ✓
General expense	148.26 ✓
Libraries	200.00 ✓
Town poor	830.54 ✓
Overseer of poor	40.00 ✓
Memorial Day	125.00 ✓
Parks and play grounds	74.38 ✓
Cemeteries	75.15 ✓
Damages and Legal expenses	50.00 ✓
Town clock	5.00 ✓
Printing	118.59 ✓
Interest	187.18 ✓
State aid construction	2,354.39 ✓
Discount on taxes	163.60 ✓
Auto permits	63.25 ✓
Wrong tax	35.00 ✓
State tax	2,016.00 ✓
Temporary loans	500.00 ✓
Serial note	1,000.00 ✓
County tax	2,820.17 ✓
School district	8,874.11 ✓
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	\$25,333.46 ✓

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## Detail No. 1

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Selectmen	
George E. Gillingham	\$125.00 ✓
Philip G. Hazelton	125.00 ✓
Preston E. Goodrich	125.00
Town Treasurer	
Perley P. Spollett	50.00
Town Clerk	
Robert C. Hazelton	50.00
Tax Collectors	
N. W. Goldsmith	69.96
Roland A. Nichols	156.95
Auditors	
George E. Rand	3.00
Roland Nichols	3.00
Martin Mills	3.00
Trust Funds, Treasurer	
Mildred F. Hunt	10.00

## Detail No. 2

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Selectmen	
George E. Gillingham	25.00
Philip G. Hazelton	25.00
Preston E. Goodrich	25.00
Town Treasurer	
Perley P. Spollett	25.00

720.91 ✓



Clerical  
Mildred F. Hunt

10.00 ✓  
110.00

### SUPPLIES, POSTAGE AND EXPENSES

News Enterprise Press, Property tax bills	\$3.50
John H. True, Safety deposit vault	2.20
E. C. Eastman Co., Town Warrants, Tax books	8.10
Nutfield Insurance Agency, Officers' bonds	55.00
N. H. Assessors' Assoc., dues	2.00
John W. A. Green, Copying transfers	12.60
Clarke Press, Town officers' books	9.00
Frank N. Nay, Names of deceased persons	.40
G. E. Gillingham, Perambulating town lines	56.50
N. W. Goldsmith, Expense and deed	11.00
Roland Nichols, Postage	11.17
Preston E. Goodrich, Transportation expense, postage	10.91
Bertha McCully, dinners	6.00
Postage	10.00

Detail No. 3

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Moderator

Walter P. Tenney \$5.00

Supervisors of Checklist

Herbert H. True	6.50
Clarence A. Wetherbee	6.50
William Colby	6.50

Ballot Clerks and Assistants

John Weeks	3.00
Leon G. Simonds	3.00
Bernard Sanborn	3.00
Walter W. Lane, two voting booths	13.00

\$46.50 ✓

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## Detail No. 4

### TRACTOR

Robert C. Hazelton	1.10
Spollett's Garage, Tractor	7.40
Southwestern Petroleum Co., grease for tractor	32.63
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	\$41.13 ✓

## Detail No. 5

### STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL AND OLD TOWN HALL

Derry Electric Co., lights	\$63.86
Nutfield Insurance Agency	32.50
J. B. Varick Co., dustbane, grease and putty	2.88
J. J. Moreau & Sons, dustbane	1.75
Roland A. Nichols, repairing roof on Old Town Hall	2.00
Clarence Wetherbee, elec. light fixtures for Selectmens room	22.00
G. E. Gillingham, wood & lumber	89.75
John D. Fiske, sawing wood	15.75
Edward E. Griffin, janitor service	200.00
Edward Griffin	1.51
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	\$432.00 ✓

## Detail No. 6

### POLICE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING TRAMPS

Edward E. Griffin, police duty	\$23.64
George Pettigrew, police duty	6.00
John West, police duty	3.00
Caring for tramps	13.00
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	\$45.64 ✓

## Detail No. 7

### FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRES

Holmes and Wheeler, coal	\$52.50
Derry Electric Co., lights	17.17

John D. Fiske, sawing wood	1.25
A. N. West, wood	5.00
J. B. Varick Co., night latch & keys, other supplies	8.21
Victor Spollett, fire truck	250.00
Victor Spollett, watching fire, gas and grease	4.30
Reads Grocery, gasoline	1.58
Alvah Healey, gasoline	1.98
Harry Estes, watching fire	3.00
Wilbur P. Hunt	3.32
Wilson Wells, gasoline	1.00
Chester Fire Department, truck body	50.00
Oscar P. Stone, insurance of firemen	16.00
Walter Crawford, watching fire	3.00
Spollett's Garage, labor and material	26.60
Wilbur P. Hunt, forest fire	6.28

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\$451.19 ✓

## Detail No. 8

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT—VITAL STATISTICS

Preston E. Goodrich, health officer	35.00
Robert C. Hazelton	8.50

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\$43.50 ✓ 7.40

## Detail No. 9

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

## TOWN SNOW

Abbott, Chester, labor	\$3.38
Allen, Chester, labor	9.75
Clements, Felix, gasoline	12.09
Cole, Dan, labor	4.13
Davis, Dewey, labor, shifting snow plow	15.63
Estes, Harry, labor	6.76
Fortier, Herman, labor	9.75
Griffin, Edward, labor	.75
Gulf Refining Co., oil	11.55

Hunt, Wilbur, gas, rental and storage of batteries	7.23
Hunt, Wilbur, with tractor	12.00
Jones, Duncan, labor	2.63
Lane, Walter, labor on tractor	1.25
Lewis, Harold, labor with tractor	12.63
Nichols, Roland, bolts, iron and labor	12.57
Nichols, Roland, with tractor	13.25
Smith, Charles, labor	26 50
Smith, Charles, truck	19.13
Varick, John B., Co., 2 tunnels	.08
Warren, Bert, trucking oil	.25
Wells, Wilson, gasoline	14.63
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	\$195.94 ✓

## TOWN ROADS

Abbott, Chester, labor	13.50
Allen, Chester, labor	6.00
Church, Muriel, gravel	60.10
Clements, Felix, gasoline	64.54
Coggshall, Norman, labor	6.00
Davis, Dewey, labor, parts and work on tractor	32.00
Edwards, Harry, labor	16.35
Edwards, Ralph, labor	3.00
Edwards, Merton, labor	67.87
Estes, Harry, labor	69.00
Fortier, Herman, labor	3.00
Gulf Refining Co., oil	11.35
Gosselin, Louis, labor	60.00
Gillingham, G. E., lumber, repairs on bridge	18.51
Griffin, Edward, painting signs	1.50
Healey, Alvah, truck	64.68
Healey, Bert, truck	150.74
Healey, Will, labor	1.50
Hazelton, Robert C., parts for tractor	7.80
Holman, Arthur, labor	90.01
Hunt, Chester, gravel	1.00

Jones, Duncan, labor	48.37
Lane, Walter, 3 slats	.50
Lewis, Harold, labor, scraping	175.36
Martin, Fred, labor	6.00
McCully, Clarence, labor	42.37
Mills, Henry, truck	36.00
Richardson, Iber, labor	1.88
Ray, Herbert, truck	18.00
Swan, Charlie, labor	51.37
Sawyer, George, labor	12.00
Sanborn, Arthur, scraping	30.00
Sanborn, Bernard, truck	24 19
Stookey, Glenn, labor	9.00
Smith, Charles, labor	225.25
Smith, Charles, truck	277.87
Vandine, Archie, labor	9.00
Varick, John B. Co., bolts and nuts	.52
Wells, Wilson, gasoline	51.07
West, Newton, labor	3.00

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\$1,770.20 ✓

Paid for taring around village \$100.36

### STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Towns share in completing Sandown road	\$2,354.39
Land acquired from C. P. Hunt	153.55
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	\$2,507.94 ✓

### Detail No. 10

Refunds <i>all money</i>	\$156.03 ✓
Wrong tax	35.00
Discounts	163.60
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	\$354.63 ✓

2507.94  
153.55  
354.63

## Detail No. 11

## Paid:

Auto permits	\$63.25 ✓
Telephone service	21.90 ✓
Interest	187.18 ✓
Printing	118.59 ✓
Town Clock	5.00 ✓
Cemeteries	75.15 ✓
Parks and Playgrounds	74.38 ✓
Memorial Day	125.00 ✓
Libraries	200.00 ✓
General expense, Highway Department	148.26 ✓
Damages and legal expenses	50.00 ✓
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	\$1,068.71 ✓

## Detail No. 12

## TOWN POOR

Amount paid by town	\$830.54
Reimbursement from the State	89.46
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Net Cost	\$741 08 ✓

## TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H., for the Year  
Ending January 31, 1938

## RECEIPTS

Cash balance from last year	\$2,863.01
Tax Collector :	
1935 tax	162.97 ✓
Poll tax 1936	98.00 ✓
Property tax 1936	4,864.92 ✓
Interest on 1936 tax	100.00
Wrong tax 1936	23 45 ✓
Poll tax 1936, omitted and added	50.00

John Seed 1936 tax, omitted and added	10.05 ✓
Poll tax 1937	530.00 -
Property tax 1937	15,153.23 -
Interest on 1937 tax	15.12 -
<u>Wrong tax 1937</u>	8.10 -
Discount 1937 tax	163.60 ✓
Horace J. Baldwin, back taxes bought by Town and redeemed	85.00 ✓
Edith Jordan & Joseph Wiggin, tax bought by Town and redeemed	15.27 ✓
Charles Swan, tax bought by Town and redeemed	26.69 ✓
Tax on Bank Stock, First National Bank, Derry, N. H.	10.00 -
Tax on Bank Stock, Rockingham National Bank, Exeter, N. H.	2.00 ✓
Town Clerk:	
Automobile Permits 1937	671.04 ✓
Automobile Permits 1938	19.53 ✓
Dog licenses	185.84 ✓
First National Bank, Derry, N. H.:	
Note for sixty days dated July 3, 1937	500.00 ✓
Rebate interest	5.00 ✓
State Treasurer:	
Relief	89.46 ✓
Highway, use of tractor	201.00 ✓
Interest and dividends tax	24.64 ✓
Insurance tax	1.88 ✓
Railroad tax	41.39 ✓
Savings Bank tax	693.61 ✓
Edward E. Griffin, rent of halls	130.50 ✓
Charles Smith, sale of junk	15.00 ✓
John West, sale of tree	7.00 ✓
	✓
	<hr/> \$26,767.30

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## EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's orders, Nos. 214-441 inclusive	\$25,333.46
Cash in Treasury	1,433.84
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	\$26,767.30 ✓

PERLEY P. SPOLLETT,  
*Treasurer*

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3rd, 1938

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast with vouches for the several charges.

GEORGE E. RAND,  
LEROY D. MORSE,  
HARRY C. EDWARDS,  
*Auditors*



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk received \$690.57 as Town Taxes on Automobiles for the Fiscal Year and turned the sum over to the Town Treasurer according to his report.

He received Dog taxes to the amount of \$116.00 and after paying out \$6.55 for dog tags and \$7.40 for 37 license fees at .20 cent each turned the remainder over to the Town Treasurer to the amount of \$102.05 according to the Treasurer's report.

R. C. HAZELTON, *Town Clerk*

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3rd, 1938

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town clerk and find them correctly cast with vouches for the several charges.

GEORGE E. RAND,  
LEROY D. MORSE,  
HARRY C. EDWARDS,

*Auditors*

## ACCOUNT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

## Amos T. French Cemetery Land

Amount deposited in Manchester Savings Bank	\$700.00
Feb. 4, 1937 Cash brought forward	6.50
April, received from R. H. Hazelton for lot No. 96	12.00
July 2, 1937 Dividend from Bank	10.50
July 9, 1937 Received from Preston Goodrich for lot No. 86	12.00
Jan. 18, 1938 Received from Byron Mills for lot No. 68	12.00
Jan. 1938 Dividend from Bank	10.50
Feb. 2, 1938 received from Walter L. Berry for 1/2 lot No. 18	6.00
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	\$769.50 ✓
July 5, 1937, Paid E. M. Hazelton	6.90
July 7, 1937, Paid R. H. Hazelton	6.70
Sept. 7, 1937, Paid R. C. Hazelton, deeds for 3 lots	3.00
Oct. 18, 1937	11.47
Dec. 11, 1937, Waltin E. Leighton, trimming hedge	2.40
Jan. 1, 1938, E. M. Hazelton	9.90
Dec. 11, 1937, R. H. Hazelton	2.10
Cash Balance	27.03
Bank	700.00
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	\$769.50 ✓

ROBERT H. HAZELTON,

*Treasurer*

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3rd, 1938

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Cemetery Trustees and find them correctly cast with vouches for the several charges.

GEORGE E. RAND,

LEROY D. MORSE,

*Auditors*

## TO THE FIRE WARDENS OF CHESTER

This past year the Volunteer Fire Department attended the following fires :

Total number of calls	18
Chimney fires	9
Fires in buildings	
In town	4
Out of town	1
Forest fires	4

Of the fires in town :

One house and shed were completely destroyed. The loss at another was held to approximately \$300.00. Damage at the others was slight. The loss from chimney fires was slight. A new hose truck was added to the department equipment during the year. All of the labor was donated by members of the department. Money donated by various organizations and citizens of the town also helped to keep down the cost.

The town now has a well equipped department. Few small towns in the state can offer as good fire protection. As a result of the efficiency of the department a material reduction in fire insurance rates have been secured for a large area of the town. This fact should be borne in mind when considering the appropriation for the department this coming year.

It is unfortunate that some parts of the town lack adequate water supply. This need will eventually have to be met by the construction of covered cisterns, located along highways, large enough to furnish at least a two hours supply of water for the pumper.

Among the places in town where lack of water would hinder the department in case of a serious fire, may be noted, the Big Hill, Bell Hill and Chester Street. The public buildings around the common stand in particular need of an increased water supply.

VICTOR SPOLLETT,

*Fire Chief*

# LIBRARIANS REPORT

## CHESTER FREE LIBRARY

Books added to the Library in 1937	189
Purchased with town money	166
Purchased with fines	3
Given	20
Books discarded	19
Number of books taken out during the year	5,399
Largest number of books taken out in any one day	
February 6,	127
Smallest number, April 21	13
Average of each Library day	53
Per cent of fiction read	75
Per cent of non-fiction read	25
Number of new cards issued	32

*Dr.*

Money received in fines	\$13.10
Balance on hand from 1936	3.31
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	\$16.41 ✓

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Expended for books and needed supplies	9.04
Cash on hand to balance	7.37
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	\$16.41 ✓

Books have been presented to the Library as gifts by Desawniers and Company, Doubleday, Doran and Company. Incorporated, Mrs. Paul Fitzsimons, Donald F. Horne, Mrs. Edwin P. Jones, Alexander Legge Memorial Committee, Mrs. Audrey R. Monish, Mrs. Harry H. Stone, and Chester J. Wilcomb.

The Library is indebted for gifts of magazines to Walter L. Crawford, Mrs. William F. Finnigan, Mrs. Amos Tuck French, Miss Alice I. Lewis, Mrs. Audrey R. Monish, Mrs.

James Musick, The New Hampshire Development Commission, and Mrs. Dorothy Peterson.

In addition to books and magazines, several jig-saw puzzles have been received from Mrs. Ella A. Allen and Charles Lauriat. A framed copy of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg has been given by Chseter J. Wilcomb in memory of his brother, Arthur H. Wilcomb. The copy was made by William E. Dennis, who was born in Chester, August 22, 1858, in the house now owned by Dr. James S. Roberts. He gave instruction to classes in penmanship in this town and also in Brooklyn, New York.

The Library subscribes to the American Magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, Child Life, Christian Herald, Country Gentleman, Good Housekeeping, Life and Health, National Geographic, Nature, Pictorial Review, Popular Science, Readers' Digest, Wee Wisdom, and the Woman's Home Companion.

The number of catalogued books is 5,203.

To all those who have presented gifts or rendered helpful service to the Library, I wish to extend my sincere Thanks and appreciation.

LAURA C. COLMAN,  
*Librarian*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 1937	\$7.06
Cash from Town	200.00
Received from John C. Chase fund	27.50
Received from Stevens Fund	11.89
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	\$246.45 ✓

250.31  
29.39  
190.92

## EXPENDITURES

1937-1938

Laura C. Colman	\$98.40
Goodman's Bookstore	92.21
Mildred Robie (magazines)	21.70
R. R. Partridge (100 books)	18.00

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 \$230.31

Cash on hand	16.14
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 \$246.45

ROBERT R. PARTRIDGE,

*Treasurer*FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
WILCOMB—TOWNSEND HOME

For the Year 1937

## REVENUE

Balance on hand January 31st, 1937	\$227.63
March 3, Received, rent of Townsend House	25.00
April 5, Received Dividend Anaconda stock	.25
May 6, Received Part payment from sale Mrs. Coates house	1,000.00
July 19, Received Payment on Mortgage on Real Estate	50.00
Aug. 11, Received Rent Townsend House & Dividends on Anaconda stock	25.70
Aug. 21, Received Payment on Mortgage Real Estate	10.00
Aug. 31, Received Part payment on Manchester Real Estate	200.00
Sept. —, Received Rent Townsend House and Dividend Anaconda stock	25.50
Oct. 13, Received Payment on Mortgage on Real Estate	10.00

Nov 19, Received Payment on Mortgage on Real Estate	10.00
Nov. 19, Drew from Amoskeag Savings Bank	600.00
Dec. 7, Received payment on Mortgage Manchester Real Estate	75.00
Dec. 10, Received Payment on Mortgage on Real Estate	10.00
Dec. 20, Received Dividend, on Anaconda stock	.50
Jan. 4, Received Rent Townsend House	25.00
Jan. 4, Received Payment on Mortgage on Real Estate	10.00
Jan 4, Received from sale of grass 1936	12.00

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\$2,316.58 ✓

Cash on hand      \$1.38

Disbursement      \$1,895.36

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421.22 ✓

Uncancelled Checks      40.60

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\$461.82 ✓

Bank Balance      \$461.82

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Groceries and meats	\$526.19
Milk & eggs	84.94
Medical expenses	12.77
Fuel	365.43
Repairs & improvements	65.58
Current expense (light and phone bills, etc.)	157.80
Int. to Inmates	81.64
Furnishings & clothing	9.51
Salaries	532.50
Miscellaneous	59.00

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\$1,895.36 ✓

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3rd, 1938

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Wilcomb—Townsend Home and find them correctly cast with vouchers for the several charges.

GEORGE E. RAND,

LEROY D. MORSE,

HARRY C. EDWARDS,

*Auditors*

### WILCOMB—TOWNSEND HOME

Just a word of thanks and appreciation from the Trustees to those who contributed gifts for the pleasure and upkeep of the Home.

We extend our thanks to Mrs. Sarah Prescott who has given the Home, her dividends on her entrance fee every year that she has been with us, which amounts to a tidy sum, also for her gifts of fruit the past year. And to Mr. Martin Mills, Mrs. Gillingham, Mrs. Whittier of Fremont, Mr. Arthur Leighton, Mrs. Tenney, Mrs. McCully, Mrs. Wason, Mr. Monish, Capitol Club four fruit baskets, and the same from the Con'g'l Sunday School, and F. G. Lewis. And if by chance there are any not mentioned, it is not intentional.

To all we extend our heartily thanks.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILCOMB—TOWNSEND HOME



# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Chester, N. H., on January 31, 1938

Date of Creation.	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION.	HOW INVESTED.	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	\$300.00	3%	\$83	\$9.08	\$83	\$08
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	45.00	"	.12	.39	1.48	....
May 15, 1906	William W. White by will.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	75.00	"	.21	2.27	2.48	....
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.02	.27
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	45.00	"	.12	1.36	1.48	....
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. Williams by Heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by Heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	339.80	"	....	10.26	10.00	.26
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True by heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	75.00	"	1.29	2.30	3.00	.59
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	60.00	"	.17	1.82	1.99	....
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by Samuel S. Parker.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	40.00	"	.10	1.20	1.30	....
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by Chas. A. Dearborn	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.02	.27
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.02	.27
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	.13
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by Heirs.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.50	.13
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	5.19	3.17	5.00	3.36
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by Charles H. Knowles	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by Charles Stevens.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	60.00	"	.42	1.82	2.00	.24
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	40.00	"	.10	1.20	1.30	....
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills-Stevens by Lydia A. Newell.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.50	.13
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	70.00	"	.34	2.12	2.46	....
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by Caroline M. Hall.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by Julia A. Converse.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Oct. 1, 1924	James H. Gordon by will.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abby Hardy.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by Kate V. Colby.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.02	.27
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West.	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....

Jan. 23, 1926	Mills and Wilson by Frank M. Mills.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	250.00	"	12.62	7.92	6.00	14.54
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by Helen F. Soule.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.29	....
Apr. 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie S. Jack....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	60.00	"	.17	1.82	1.99	....
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hooke....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	75.00	"	.21	2.27	2.48	....
June 5, 1928	James and J. Albert Hooke by Elizabeth S. Hooke ..	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	1.20	3.05	2.50	1.75
June 5, 1928	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hooke....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
June 5, 1928	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Jan. 5, 1931	French-Heath by Jennie C. Heath.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Jan. 5, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by Mary E. Merrill.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	50.00	"	.13	1.50	1.63	....
Jan. 1, 1929	Arthur I. Morse and Harry Roberts by Arthur I. Morse and Harry Roberts.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	25.00	"	.07	.76	.76	.07
May 30, 1930	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	100.00	"	.27	3.02	3.29	....
Apr. 27, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase.....	Amoskeag Savings Bank ..	200.00	"	.55	6.05	6.50	.10
Mar. 12, 1929	Village Cemetery Trust Fund by Clarence O. Morse .....	U. S. Treasury Bond of 1934-1945 .....	1,000.00	"	1.51	32.90	33.00	1.41
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by Albert Knippee.....	Town Note .....	100.00	3 1/2 %	.50	3.50	4.00	....
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by Sarah U. Lane.....	Town Note .....	200.00	"	58.46	8.75	10.00	57.21
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	.25	1.75	2.00	....
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles by Joseph Knowles.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	.73	3.52	4.00	.25
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles by Robert and Rebecca Knowles.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	7.95	3.74	4.00	7.70
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West, 2nd, by will.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
Jan. 31, 1920	Eliz. I. Kent by will.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	.59	3.52	4.00	.11
April 30, 1921	Page Read Smith by Josephine Lovering...	Town Note .....	80.00	"	....	2.80	2.80	....
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper by Sally L. Sleeper...	Town Note .....	40.00	"	....	1.40	1.40	....
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	1.29	3.54	4.79	.04
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	....	3.50	3.50	....
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Greene by Charles H. Greene.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	1.90	3.56	5.40	.06
Oct. 3, 1922	Silas F. Lealand by Charles H. Greene...	Town Note .....	100.00	"	6.37	3.69	6.00	4.06
Mar. 31, 1923	Samuel Warren by Orpha A. Warren.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	.04	3.50	3.54	....
May 3, 1923	Mark Sarnborn by heirs.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
Nov. 20, 1923	Morse Pingree by Will.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
Nov. 20, 1923	Herbert W. Robie by Will.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	.39	3.50	3.89	....
Dec. 23, 1923	Daniel Bell by will.....	Town Note .....	50.00	"	....	1.75	1.75	....
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will.....	Town Note .....	100.00	"	....	3.50	3.50	....



1927	LYDIA A. NEWELL HOME FUND by Manchester Savings Bank..	\$3,454.40
	Lydia A. Merrill.....	7,689.35
	Amoskeag Savings Bank..	1,590.54
	Merrimack River Sav. Bk.	
		<u>\$12,634.29</u>
		Gain for year \$324.01

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correct.

GEORGE E. RAND,  
 LEROY D. MORSE,  
 HARRY C. EDWARDS,  
*Auditors*

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3, 1938.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

*Moderator*

JOHN H. TRUE

*Clerk*

ELLA A. ALLEN

*Treasurer*

LEROY D. MORSE

*School Board*ROSE C. LEARNARD, *Chairman*

MARY M. TRUE

LEON I. RICHARDSON

*Superintendent of Schools*

G. H. WHITCHER

Residence, Derry, N. H.

Telephone Office 195

*School Nurse*

HELEN J. HOUSE

Residence, 22 Highland St., Hudson, N. H.

Telephone, Nashua, 3139-W

*Attendance Officer*

HARRY ESTES

*Auditor*

WALTER W. LANE

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1937—June 1938

1937

First Period Opens Tuesday

Sept. 7

Closes Wednesday

Nov. 25

Second Period Opens Monday

Nov. 29

Closes Friday

Dec. 17

1938

Third Period Opens Monday	Jan. 3
Closes Friday	Mar. 25
Fourth Period Opens Monday	Apr. 4
Closes at end of 180 "Teaching Days".	

This to be determined by the School Registers in each case. Subject to variation due to Transportation conditions, sickness or other unavoidable difficulties.

Fall term 1938-1939 will begin September 6, 1938.

### TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>P. O. Address</i>
Ethel E. Lange	Village Primary	Chester, N. H.
Marion I. Preston	Village Intermediate	Auburn, N. H.
Dorothy Harlow	Village Grammar	Chester, N. H.
Diedamia Mousley	Towle	Chester, N. H.

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### SCHOOL WARRANT

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of  
Chester qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Hall, in said District, on the 12th day of March, 1938 at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School

Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

9. To see upon petition of Roger Edwards and other signers required by law, if the District will vote to carry all school pupils to and from school from one (1) mile or more from school and raise and appropriate money for same.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 23rd. day of February, 1938.

ROSE C. LEARNARD,  
MARY M. TRUE,  
LEON I. RICHARDSON,  
*School Board*

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

ROSE C. LEARNARD,  
MARY M. TRUE,  
LEON I. RICHARDSON,  
*School Board*

#### SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET

July 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939

##### *Support of Schools*

Teachers' Salaries	\$3,675.00
Text books	75.00
Scholars' supplies	75.00
Flags	5.00



Other expense of instruction	15.00
Janitor salary	126.00
Fuel	150.00
Water, light & janitor supplies	50.00
Minor repairs	150.00
Medical inspection	200.00
Transportation	1,200.00
Tuition—High School	2,600.00

*Other Statutory Obligations*

Salaries of district officers	\$166.00
Superintendent excess salary	160.23
Expense of administration	35.00
Truant officer & census	15.00
Insurance	90.00
Per capita tax	290.00

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Total Estimated Payments	\$9,077.23
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*Income*

Cash on hand June 30, 1938	\$1,719.23
State aid	584.19
Dog tax	150.00
Trust fund	163.00

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Estimated Income	2616.42
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Assessment necessary to balance the budget	\$6,460.81
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ROSE C. LEARNARD,  
MARY M. TRUE,  
LEON I. RICHARDSON,  
*School Board*



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Year Ending June 30, 1937

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1936	\$131.15
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriations for current year	7,587.47
Dog tax	186.64
Income from Trust Funds	163.91
Received from the State Treasurer (State or Federal Aid)	1,303.66
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	\$9,372.83

## EXPENDITURES

Paid School Board's orders Nos. 2018-2153	\$8,486.29
Cash in Treasury to balance	\$886.54
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	\$9,372.83

Chester, N. H., July 9, 1937.

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Chester, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and find them correct in all respects.

WALTER W. LANE, *Auditor*

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For Part of School Year from July 1, 1937-  
January 31, 1938

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1937	\$886.54
Brown Trust Fund	163.93
State Treasurer (State or Federal Aid)	937.06
Selectmen	5,700.00
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	\$7,687.53

## EXPENDITURES

Paid School Board's Orders Nos. 2154-2251	\$4,645.02
Cash in Treasury to balance	3,042.51
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	\$7,687.53

## FUND FROM SALE OF SCHOOLHOUSES

Deposited in Manchester Savings Bank, Book No. 163188, with interest to Jan. 1, 1938	\$1,012.77
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LEROY D. MORSE,  
*Treasurer*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937

### *Income*

Cash on hand July 1, 1936	\$131.15
Town (Tax Levy)	7,587.47
State Aid	1,303.66
Trust Funds	163.91
Dog Tax	186.64
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	\$9,372.83

*Payments*

Support of Schools:	
Teachers' salaries	\$3,575.00
Text books	40.46
Scholars' supplies	74.48
Other Expense of instruction	14.96
Janitor Salaries	126.00
Fuel	170.75
Water, light & janitor supplies	32.85
Medical inspection	200 00
Transportation	1,051.60
Tuition—High School	2,316.06
New equipment	42.10
Minor Repairs	175.25

*Other Statutory Obligations*

Salaries of district officers	166.00
Superintendent excess salary	160.23
Truant officer & census	18.00
Expense of Administration	30.55
Per capita tax	292.00

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Total Payments	\$8,486.29
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Cash on hand June 30, 1937	\$886.54
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I hereby certify that I have examined the books and the accounts of the School Board of the town of Chester, N. H., for the year ending June 30th, 1937 and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several bills.

WALTER W. LANE,

*Auditor*

Chester, N. H.,  
July 9, 1937

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

Total registration	111
Previously registered elsewhere	6
Unrepeated registration	
Boys	58
Girls	47
Number between five and eight	29
Number between eight and fourteen	69
Number between fourteen and sixteen	6
Number between sixteen and twenty-one	1
Average attendance	91.19
Average absence	7.23
Average membership	98.42
Per cent of attendance	92.55
Pupils not absent or tardy	4
Cases of tardiness	214
Days in school year	178

## HEALTH REPORT

*To the School Board and Citizens of Chester— I tender my report as School Nurse :*

No. of children examined 100

No. of defective teeth	59	Corrected at clinic	47
		“ at private Dent.	9
“ “ defective tonsils	8	“	3
“ “ defective vision	3	“	2
“ “ defective cardiac	2	Under treatment	2
“ “ rheumatic fever	2		
“ “ appendectomy oper .	1		
“ “ Hernia	1		
“ “ Abscess ears	3		
“ “ enlarged glands	3		

Children of Contagious Diseases :

Measles	33
Chicken Pox	3
Mumps	4
Scarlet Fever	1

The regular dental clinic was held in the spring and was well patronized.

Cod-liver-oil was given in the Schools to all children whose parents desire to have them take it.

I wish to thank the members of the Parent-Teachers, Capital Club and other organizations who have helped finance the dental clinic and cod-liver-oil for the School children.

I also wish to thank the parents and teachers for their fine cooperation given in helping to carry out the health program of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN J. HOUSE, R.N.

*School Nurse*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Chester School Board:*

The results from the current year's school work are very satisfactory. It is not often that it can be said that each and every school in a system is doing excellent work but such is the case in Chester today.

There has been a very marked improvement in the past two years not only in the teaching but in the general attitude of the pupils as a whole.

There is a willingness to try, and an evident desire to meet the requirements of higher standards.

As a direct result of this, disciplinary problems have largely disappeared.

The seating capacity of the remodeled school house has been ample this year and seems certain to remain so for the next year.

The new Social Science Series of text books have more than met our expectations and the new music books are equally satisfactory.

There are, however, abundant opportunities for further improvement. It would be a misfortune if this were not true. Man's progress has always depended upon the possibility of

Modern school courses of instruction are largely based on the belief that the *history* of man's past experiences, when viewed and interpreted in the light of present day conditions, is about the only guide we have in fitting our pupils for an intelligent approach to the duties and responsibilities of the immediate future.

I believe that any person visiting the schools of Chester as they are today and who takes notice of the diligence and industry of the pupils as a whole, cannot fail to see that from the first grade, where learning to read is the main object, to

the eighth grade where history, geography, civics, and current events are combined, there is one common end in view, namely, an attempt to understand something of the origin and past development of our own American industrial civilization and to at least try to get some notion of its probably future advancement.

With this thought uppermost in mind I can unhesitatingly say that every teacher in Chester has been very successful in accomplishing a remarkable change in the mental habits of most of the pupils.

The change referred to is this: No longer are pupils striving to memorize what someone else thinks or believes but instead most pupils are forming their own conclusions from the facts derived from text books and other sources, under the guidance of skillful teachers.

Second-hand thoughts merely memorized soon fade and are forgotten but first-hand thoughts worked out by the pupil's own mental activity become a permanent possession ready for use when new problems in life need solving.

Measured by this standard your schools today stand very high in their accomplishments.

And now just a word, unwelcomed perhaps, but deserved nevertheless; It is related to teachers' salaries:-

You and your pupils are receiving the services of a group of teachers who without exception deserve higher wages than they are getting.

Rigid economy in school management and administration has resulted this year in a reduction in school costs: You can well afford to advance your maximum salary by a sub-

stantial bonus for *superior* teaching ability and I am recommending such action because I believe you should, if possible, keep your present corps of teachers.

Very truly yours,

G. H. WHITCHER,

*Superintendent of Schools*



# *Vital Statistics*



# Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1937

Place	Month	Day	Family Name	Given Names	Condition	Number	Color	Sex	Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Chester	Mar.	22	West	Norma Elizabeth	Liv	4	W	F	John A. West	Hazel Hunt	Chester, N. H.	Holderness, N. H.
Manchester	May	25	Edwards	Paul James	Liv	1	W	M	Ralph Edwards	Babara Crawford	Chester, N. H.	Boston, Mass.
Chester	May	28	Berry	Clia Jaustin	Liv	10	W	F	Wyland S. Berry	Alta Warner	Shelburne, Vt.	Derry, N. H.
Manchester	June	10	Hunt	Victor	Liv	1	W	M	Wilbur P. Hunt	Dorothy Shallett	Rumney, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
Manchester	Sept.	25	Rand	Hobart Graff	Liv	5	W	M	Leonard P. Rand	Isobel Graff	Chester, N. H.	Goffsdale, Pa.
Chester	Oct.	1	Gates	Winnie Sarah	Liv	5	W	F	Donald H. Gates	Etta Woodard	Chester, N. H.	Sundown, N. H.
Derry	Oct.	20	Leighton	William Spencer	Liv	1	W	M	Walter E. Leighton	Annie B. Spencer	Danville, N. H.	Groveland, Mass.
Chester	Nov.	14	Cole	William David	Liv	1	W	M	Daniel B. Cole	Elizabeth Corniveau	Chester, N. H.	Meredith, N. H.
Manchester	Nov.	24	Morse	David Parker	Liv	1	W	M	Charles Morse	Evelyn Wederbee	Chester, N. H.	W. Medford, Mass.
Manchester	Nov.	24	Morse	Dona John	Liv	2	W	M	Charles Morse	Evelyn Wederbee	Chester, N. H.	W. Medford, Mass.

I hereby certify the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. O. HAZELTON, Town Clerk.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1937

Date	Place	Participants	Age	Residence	Occupation	Birthplace	Col. No.	Parents	By Whom Married
April 13, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Rayland L. Jensen Lillian N. Jemerson	20 19	Chester Boston, Mass.	Laborer Student	Melrose, Mass. Auburn, Maine	W W	Holgar Jensen Bertha Beckford Wilbur Jemerson Caroline Ricker	H. Raymond Phelps Chester Clergyman
May 22, 1937	Sandown, N. H.	Chester E. Abbott Beryl E. Sherbut	22 19	Chester Sandown	Truck Driver At Home	Clinton, Mass. Cotuit, Mass.	W W	Millie M. Kindred Ralph S. Sherbut Annie E. Sawyer	William Magwood Sandown Clergyman
June 5, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Donald Lee Jensen Myrtle Olive Healey	23 23	Chester Chester	Carpenter At Home	Chester, N. H. Chester, N. H.	W W	Holgar Jensen Bertha Beckford William F. Healey Harriet F. Bus	H. Raymond Phelps Chester Clergyman
June 19, 1937	Chester, N. H.	George E. Hargett Florence M. Smith	21 18	Lawrence, Mass. Lawrence, Mass.	Bookkeeper At Home	Cleveland, Ohio Lowell, Mass.	W W	Carl A. Hargett Catherine Elliott Joseph Smith Lillie Rostron	H. Raymond Phelps Chester Clergyman
June 30, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Robert Clark Hazel Prescott	21 18	Arlington, Mass. Arlington, Mass.	Spotter at House At Home	Brookline, Mass. Georgetown, Mass.	W W	Henry B. Clark Elizabeth Dana John L. Prescott Louise Prindle	R. C. Hazelton Chester Justice of the Peace
July 15, 1937	Chester, N. H.	James Edward Hamiltan Virginia L. Hastings	22 19	Chester Chester	Truck Driver At Home	Malden, Mass. Derry, N. H.	W W	David A. Hamilton Nora H. Silker Henry O. Hastings Cora C. Forsaith	H. Raymond Phelps Chester Clergyman
Aug. 11, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Joseph Charest Irene J. Preston	21 20	Chester Chester	Auto Mechanic Housework	Manchester, N. H. Auburn, N. H.	W W	Alfred Charest Nafida Bourassa Henry Preston Elizabeth Eaton	R. C. Hazelton Chester Justice of the Peace
Sept. 11, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Amos Richmond Gorham Magdalene L. Shaw	27 25	Bristol, R. I. Bristol, R. I.	Salesman Tel. Operator	Bristol, R. I. Bristol, R. I.	W W	Amos S. Godham Jeanette Kirkwood George E. Shaw Mary A. Farley	R. C. Hazelton Chester Justice of the Peace

Nov. 21, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Valney Chester . . . . . 21	Chester . . . . . Laborer	Chester, N. H.	W	Arthur V. Allen . . . . . Perry M. Blankenship
		Bernice Ida Richardson : 20	Chester . . . . . At Home	Chester, N. H.	W	Ellen A. McGully . . . . . Chester
						Ither A. Richardson . . . . . Groggman
						Bernice M. Maxwell . . . . .
						Paul Veit . . . . . R. C. Hazelton
Nov. 24, 1937	Chester, N. H.	Kurt Veit . . . . . 29	Lawrence, Mass. Pin Setter	Lawrence, Mass.	W	Helen Healy . . . . . Chester
		Rita Sawry . . . . . 30	Lawrence, Mass. Drop Wire	Lawrence, Mass.	W	Alec McArm . . . . . Justice of the Peace
						Ida Koller . . . . .

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H., for Year Ending December 31, 1937

Place	Date	Name or Family	Name	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Chester, N. H.	..... Feb.	4 Wells	Richard	S Chester, N. H.	Child	Irving Wells	Pauline Poor
Chester, N. H.	..... April	14 Owen	William T.	S Birmingham, Eng.	Farmer	James Owen	Ruth Tyler
Amherst, Mass.	..... April	30 Whittemore	George S.	W Chester, N. H.	Farmer	William Whittemore	Judith C. Long
Chester, N. H.	..... May	4 Vandine	Emma	W Mooers, N. Y.	Farmer	Abijah Stowe	Sarah A. Starks
Chester, N. H.	..... June	15 Rand	Leora L.	W Sandwich, N. H.	Retired	Samuel S. Parke	Mary M. Wentworth
Manchester, N. H.	..... Aug.	16 Dennis	Jane Ann	W Manchester, N. H.	At Home	Thomas G. Berney	Mary D. Wall
Chester, N. H.	..... Aug.	23 Nichols	Mary A.	W Boxford, Mass.	Home	David Dale	Mary Blanchard
Chester, N. H.	..... Sept.	15 Doane	John O.	W Bennington, Nova Scotia	Farmer	Wm. O. Doane	Margaret Hager
Chester, N. H.	..... Dec.	2 Woodard	Flora A.	W Campden, N. H.	Housework	George Steel	Lydia Abbott
Derry, N. H.	..... Dec.	2 Musick	James	W Valleyfield, P. E. I.	Retired	James Musick	Margaret McLeod
Manchester, N. H.	..... Feb.	25 Clark	Laura F.	M Kingston, N. H.	At Home	George H. Johnson	Lyda Libby
Derry, N. H.	..... May	10 Boyles	Alice E.	W Cabot, Vt.	Nurse	George Webster	Ellen Norcross
Derry, N. H.	..... July	2 Hall	Engene H.	S Chester, N. H.	Labourer	Henry A. Hall	Caroline Eaton
Derry, N. H.	..... Dec.	21 Berry	Angelina M.	M Jericho, Vt.	At Home		



